WORLD'S SERIES HERO FORECAST RARELY RIGHT

Stars Very Frequently Fail While Lesser Lights Shine.

COBB'S AVERAGE FOR CLASSICS WAS POOR

By SHORTSTOP.

will be the hero of the 1916 'id's series? Will it be some batting star like Zack Wheat, Jake Daubert, Duffy Lewis, or some pitching prince like Jeff Pfeffer, Jack Coombs, Dutch Leonard or Ernie Shore? Or will t be some lesser light like Ivan Olson, Miller, Everett Scott or Hal Janwho will carry away the hero's

There is nothing so uncertain as to forecast how players will act when they ger into the big blue ribbon event. And you can't tell how the same player will act in a succeeding series. Jack Murmy was the goat in the 1911 series, when he falled to strike a blow. In 1912 he was, next to Herzog, McGraw's most consistent clubber and one of the heroes of a lost cause.

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Herzog did not hit much in 1911, but
be bumped the Red Sox pitchers for an
average of A00 in the 1912 series. In
1913 Charley again was a big disapsolutionent, and made only one hit in
the five games with the Athlettes. Artic
Pletcher was a sieve at shortstop in
1912, but played great ball against the
Athletics the following year.

Veterans Starred Consistently.

Christy Mathewson, Frank Baker and Eddle Plank are about the only players who starred consistently through the who starred consistently through the numerous series in which they partici-pated, though Baker's batting average fell to .250 in the 1914 series between the Athletics and Braves. Chief Bender, Eddle Collins, Jack Barry and Rube Oldring all spoiled their great world's series records in that Brave series, while most of the old Cubs suffered when they were crushed by the Athletics in 1910. Johnny Evers, a hero in later series, hit only ,150 against the White Sox in

While it is true that frequently great stars have fallen flat in world's series, there is a false impression that this is the rule rather than the exception.

the rule rather than the exception. There seems to be an erroneous idea that it is the regular thing for some obscure player to reach the leftlest heights of world's series fame, while stars look on with envy.

World's series history will hardly bear out such a contention. We recollect only two cases in which obscure players carried off the leading honors. In 1996 George Rohe, a rather weak hitting White Sox substitute infielder, licked the Cubs with a flock of triples, and in 1914 Hank Gowdy of the Braves, a batter who has averaged around .255 in 1914 Hank Gowdy of the Braves, a bat-ter who has averaged around .205 in his big league career, hit everything the Athletic pitchers could serve up. I might include habe Adams, the Pirate pitcher of 1909, but Babe later proved he was a real pitcher.

Cobb Failed to Shine.

Ty Cobb fell down harder in world's Ty Cobb fell down harder in world's series warfare than any great star who ever participated in the big games. In only one of Tyrus's three series did he maintain anything like his American League batting form. That was in 1998, when he hit 362. In 1907 he hit only a bare 200, and in 1999 but 221. It has always been Ty's ambition to get in an-other series, as he feels he could wipe out his past failures if given another op-

Hans Wagner disappointed his friends in 1903, but went strong against the Tigers in 1909. While Speaker's work was good in both 1912 and 1915 he was was good in both 1912 and 1915 he was octlosed by Hooper in the Giant series, and by both Hooper and Lewis in the

Starting in 1903, the year of the first clash between the pennant winners of the National and American leagues, the first modern world's series hero was Bill the Red Sox victory over the Pirates that year, as he pitched three of the five Boston successes. Dineen lost one game

skill on the Giants, as the New York dub refused to play Boston because they alleged the American League was a mi-

Langue champions, for twenty-seven innings, with fourteen hits. Matty won
the first game from Plank, 3 to 0; the
third from Andy Coakley, 9 to 0, and
the fifth and last game from Chief
Bender, 2 to 0.

It has been said in Philadelphia that
Alexander should be called the greatest
pitcher of all time because he has
pitched fifteen shutouts this season.
Matty pitched fifteen in 1905, including
the three against the Athletics. Even
Jack Coombs pitched thirteen in 1916.

As the opposition in the National League
has been very soft this year Grover's admirers seem to be going too far.

Old Mackman No Slouches.

PLAYERS WHO HAVE MADE MARKS IN WORLD'S SERIES SINCE MODERN CLASSIC WAS INSTITUTED IN 1903.



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MATTY'S PITCHING IN 1905 SERIES NEVER EQUALLED

and Collins always played above their normal gait in world's series, and i-1911 both of these sons of swat made life miserable for McGraw, Mathewson, Marquard and thousands of Glant root

Marquard and thousands of Glant reaters. Baker's homers were the turning point of the 1911 series.

It will be recalled the Glanta wan the first game, 2 to 1, Matty beating header. In the second game, with the least of the 1 in the sixth limiting, colline and gled and Baker drove the half of the right field wall at Shibe Park in a home run and won for the Additional 3 to 1.

In a newspaper article Matty crimicised the ball Marquard had pitered at Baker and said Rube should have known better, as he had been tipped off that Baker maskes that kind. In the third game, a sad thing happened to the said He had Jack Coombs, I to 0, whom remints Inning opened. Herzog there on Collins, and then Matty faced Baker. No one knows to this day just where Matty pitched to Frank, but the ball flex

No one knows to this day fact where Matty pitched to Frank, but the ball few into the right field stands, and the Athletics tied the score. They won in the eleventh inning, when with one our Collins and Baker both singled and record on errors by Herzog and Fletcher and Davis's single. The score was 3 to 2.

Baker finished that screes with an average of 375. Next to him was Jaw Barry with 368, which was far should all the one work in this series and worked did heroic work in this series and workey gamen after losins the first one regames after losing the first one p

Wood Whipped Ginnes.

The 1912 series between the Red Sox affair, and after practically become and affair, and after practically seeding was the championship the Red Sox towar-were rather shallow. Joe Wood, who pitched remarkable ball in the America League that season, winning there-four games and losing live, did the most of fective work in the series, and was stel-ited with three victories and one di-

He was credited with winning the largame, though Hugh Bedtent lend the Giants to one run in seven limits. 8. Word pitched three limings and got credit for the victory when Boston won in the both. Wood was knocked out of the box it one inning in the seventh same, which rathe, marred his work.

Harry Hopper was the real heroof the series, as he not only hit well but he catch on Doyle in the cubth game was marvel. Harry made it with his to-bent across a short fence in right for and it robbed Doyle of a homer. No York would have wen in time itting to for that catch.
Olaf Henricksen made a never to

forgotten pinch hit in this game, win put Boston in the running. With Non-York leading, I to 0, Only baryan he Bedient, with Staht on second and West nor on first. Matty had two streets and had balls on the Scandinavian, when he knocked a double over third base, dry ar

Bush Comes to Fore.

in the 1913 series the former series heroes, Hender, Plank. Collins and Barry, again did to to wrock McGraw's team, but the 2 stars aroung Mack's Juveniles had buttery—Pash and Scharz the series standing one and Mara had used up his two a and Plank, Contine sent Joe Bass.

only five hits, woming sold of S to 2. Schang's bitting a was a log feature. Walls the series, his hits including a a homer. Baker batted to series and thursped Marganiecties matting average

this series, hitting for 545 He made or was a single. Three Hard, also drew five bases on

Braves' Pitchers Did It. Next to Handa's bottling

Next to Hank's hatting the series was the price of the anti-farmes. Price of the Athlettes in the flest gondent them 7 to 1, and assourth may 2 to 1 determine the control of the control minus his full moment hits
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atterre upves and piled like of 444 for the five incer-ment of his line with the Next to take entire that I for the tree of the tree two too. the fifth game, which was a fled Sex. 5 to 4. though Person was the most ful of the pitchers, as he was Leaguers

SISLER EXPLAINS

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George Sister, the former WE 288 taseball star, who has a made pression as an extraordinar-ine St. Loris Brown a A. In the bolds of a New York centy. He was "stouchine big leather shair," but strong when he was asked why but professional buseball, here t degree at Miningan activities giveering.
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